



Unless you read articles from Catholic sources (such as *pewstiter.org*), you may be unaware of the immense legal battle now brewing in our nation over religious liberty and the various mandates handed down by the implementation of "Obamacare."

Business owners who wish to run their businesses according to their Christian beliefs are being told, unbelievably, that in order to operate their businesses, they must surrender their religious freedom.

The virulent secularism of this position should shock and astonish us. The Government is saying that whenever a Christian citizen of the United States wishes to engage in business, he must abandon his Christian principles and do business in a "secular manner," devoid of Christian values, but replete with "values" directly opposed to Christian conscience.

It comes down to this: the Government is now coercing us to act and operate by its ethical and moral precepts. The Government has usurped for itself the role of arbiter of right and wrong. In matters of conscience, we must now act according to the moral dictates of the Government, even if that means forsaking and violating our religious beliefs.

And here I thought that we weren't supposed "to force our beliefs on others."

This, though, is the difference between the Church and the State. The Church has the power to convince; the State has the power to coerce. Anyone can walk away from the Church with impunity, suffering no harm to life, liberty, or property. But try to walk away from the State... dare to oppose the tyranny of the State's encroachment on religious conscience... your livelihood will be destroyed, your property seized and forfeited, your life reduced to a shambles.


The first liberty of our nation is religious liberty. This is why there are hundreds of lawsuits around the country challenging this soft tyranny that will no doubt harden over time if left unchecked.

We Christians *must* assert our right to live our faith peaceably among others, offering the witness of our faith to evangelize the world, without having to bow down under this immoral invasion of our religious conscience.

**Fr. Guillory**

Readings for the week of December 8 - 14

Saturday	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

In Memoriam 

Returned to Christ through death, our prayers and condolences are offered to the families of  
*Bertman Manuel, Anthony Reed, and Huey Ortega*

Sanctuary Light at Sacred Heart Church is offered for  
*All Parishioners*

Belaire Cove Chapel Sanctuary Light is in memory of  
*All Parishioners*



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u></b> December 15 &amp; 16</p> <p>Sat 4:00 p.m. BC      Edna Soileau          Sat 4:00 p.m. SH      Barbara V., Peggy B., Gail F.          Sun 7 a.m. SH          Armand &amp; Fredia Coreil          Sun 10 a.m.            Gary L., Bernard L., J. Clark          Sun 5 p.m.              Larry &amp; Sherry Vidrine</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Weekday Schedule for Altar Servers</u></b> December 10 - 14</p> <p>Monday, 6:30 a.m.      Grant/Laura Manuel          Tuesday, 6:30 a.m.    Chase Bordelon          Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.   Chris Vidrine          Thursday, 6:30 a.m.    Tyler/Nick Bellow          Friday, 6:30 a.m.        Tre/Dreu Fontenot</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Readers</u></b></p> <p>Sat 4:00 p.m. BC      VOLUNTEER          Sat 4:00 p.m. SH      Dot Estilette          Sun 7 a.m.              Chris Stromer          Sun 10 a.m.            Chris Soileau          Sun 5 p.m.              Tammv Fontenot</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 15 &amp; 16</b></p> <p>Sat 4 p.m. (BC)        Evan Miller          Sat 4 p.m. (SH)        Bryan Ardoin, Morgan Fontenot          Sun 7 a.m. SH        the Donovan's          Sun 10 a.m.            Drake, Peyton, Chris, Andrew, Vic P.          Sun 5 p.m.              Blake Davenport, Julien Vidrine</p>

**Masses**

**Mass Intentions**

**Also remembered in prayer at this Mass**

<b>Saturday Dec. 8, 4:00 B.C.</b>	<b>Barbara Wedlock, Labertha Lafleur</b>	<b>Eula Soileau, Alex Cain Reed, James Robley Mayeaux, Sharon Joe Vidrine</b>
<b>Saturday Dec. 8, 4:00 S.H.</b>	<b>Dr. &amp; Mrs. Gordon Soileau and son Lyndon</b>	<b>Joseph Harris Soileau, Sr., Nellie &amp; Delta Doucet, Lionel LaHaye Fly., Ewell Lafleur &amp; Fly., Clarence Ardoin, Deceased family members of Lake Lafleur, Debbie Wiggins Curole, Rose &amp; Bruce Fontenot, Ted Anthony Ardoin, Jeanette O. Bordelon</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 9, 7 a.m.</b>	<b>For Parishioners</b>	<b>Gerald Morein, Carol "Khakie" Fontenot, John Rawls, Bill Rawls</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 9, 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Drouet W. Vidrine</b>	<b>Gloria Ardoin, M/M Edgar Lafleur, Ollie Pitre, Leonard &amp; Beverly Fontenot, Saul Cary, Jr.</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 9, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>M/M Hilton Shuff</b>	<b>Eva Lou Perrodin, Leland Fontenot</b>
<b>Monday, Dec.10, 6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Robert Ardoin</b>	<b>M/M Henry H. Soileau</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec, 11, 6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Eva Lou Perrodin</b>	<b>M/M Sylvan Lafleur, Theresa V. Reed, Sr. Elsie Vidrine, BD</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Joseph Harris Soileau, Sr.</b>	<b>S.M. Vidrine, Wade Soileau, Jr. &amp; Fly.</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec.12, 8:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Leland Fontenot</b>	
<b>Thursday, Dec. 13, 6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>M/M John P. Veillon &amp; Fly., M/M Norman Vidrine Sr., &amp; Fly., M/M J.B. Veillon &amp; Fly.</b>	
<b>Friday, Dec. 14, 6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Due Lafleur (16<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b>	<b>Poor Souls in Purgatory, Bruce &amp; Geraldine Soileau</b>
<b>Friday, Dec. 14, 8:10 a.m.</b>		
<b>Saturday, Dec. 15, 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>All Souls List</b>	<b>M/M John P. Veillon &amp; fly., M/M Norman Vidrine, Sr. &amp; fly., M/M J.B. Veillon &amp; fly.</b>